

## ROOSEVELT ENDORSED

**By House for Discharge of  
Negro Soldiers—Bill for  
Monument at Chicka-  
mauga — MacWilliams  
Limits Clerks' Service.**

During the short session of the House yesterday very little work was done, the members not seemingly in the active spirit that produces legislative harvest.

Twenty-seven bills were introduced of more or less importance. Some attention was drawn to a bill introduced by Mr. Knight, of Citrus, relating to stock gambling, because of his asking that it be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

What affinity existed between the prohibition of bucket shops and agricultural pursuits was not told, though the inference might be drawn that shorn lambs of the stock gambling game are "farmers."

Mr. MacWilliams suggesting sending it to the Judiciary Committee, where a bill of like character was reposing, that the two might be compared, but Mr. Knight preferred the agricultural for his.

Notable in the morning's work was the resolution offered by Mr. MacWilliams, providing a clerk for the Committee on Judiciary, and stating that the clerk would not be put on the payroll before April 15, as there would be little to do before that time.

With the exception of Mr. Harvell, no other member of the House has seen fit to put a limitation on the service of clerks.

Mr. Richbourg, of Walton, offered a resolution that the House endorse President Roosevelt for his discharge of the negro soldiers stationed at Brownsville, Tex., and it was unanimously adopted.

Among the Concurrent Resolutions introduced was one by Mr. Knight, of Citrus, relative to appointment of a committee to examine the General Statutes and report to this Legislature; and one by Mr. W. F. Hughley, of Marion, relative to reappointment of the Legislature in accordance with the census of 1905.

Mr. Wells, of Leon, introduced a bill authorizing the city of Tallahassee to acquire the waterworks plant franchise and other property of the Tallahassee Waterworks Co., which will be cheering news to the people who have suffered from the extortions of this company.

To provide for a monument on the battlefield of Chickamauga in memory of the Florida soldiers in that battle, was the subject of a bill introduced by Mr. McKenzie, of Putnam.

Geo. B. Hawkins was unanimously elected Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms of the House. Mr. Hawkins was Sergeant-at-Arms at the last session.

At 11:15 the House adjourned to meet today at 10 o'clock.

### THE SENATE.

The Senate met at 3 p. m. yesterday, and after adopting resolutions of regret of Senator Newlin, adjourned, in respect to his memory. It will convene at 10 o'clock this morning.

### KING LEOPOLD IS SEVENTY-TWO.

Brussels, April 8.—Tomorrow King Leopold, who is spending the spring in the Riviera, will be seventy-two years old. Despite the official statements recently issued regarding his majesty's health it is learned from reliable sources that the King is undoubtedly in a bad state and his death at any time would cause little surprise.

It is understood that his majesty fully realizes his precarious condition and during the past year has worked unceasingly to place his affairs, both official and personal, in shape for his successor on the throne.

Being now at variance with all his daughters it is believed that the bulk of King Leopold's vast private fortune will descend to Prince Albert of Flanders, who is the heir to the throne, after adequate provision has been made for those to whom the King has been closely attached in late years.

### AMERICAN GIRL WEDS IN DRESDEN.

Dresden, April 8.—Another American heiress contracted a European alliance today through the marriage of Miss Jeyla Humphreys, daughter of Mrs. T. St. John Gaffney, wife of the American Consul-General here, to Capt. Hans Heinrich von Wolf, of the Royal Saxon Artillery.

The ceremony, which took place at the American Church, drew a distinguished gathering, which included representatives of the Saxon Court and the highest Dresden society. The bridegroom is a son of General Ernst von Wolf, late commander-in-chief of the Saxon Artillery.



SENATOR CREWS.

He draws RV3 a day. Will he vote against child labor?

## TO DIVIDE HILLSBORO

**Committee of Seceders  
Here from Sub-Penin-  
sular — P. O. Knight  
Leads Opposition.**

Division of Hillsborough county is a matter that reached Tallahassee yesterday when the advance guard of advocates of the new county arrived.

These were Messrs. J. W. Williamson and W. F. Hughley, of Clearwater; Capt. Sam A. Hope, of Tarpon Springs; John S. Taylor, of Largo, and W. L. Straub and W. B. Powell, of St. Petersburg, a force of representative citizens of the proposed new county.

Opposition of the division also got its representative here yesterday in the person of Peter O. Knight, of Tampa. Mr. Knight will be assisted later in the week by A. J. Knight, and then Frank Simonton will appear to form the trinity that proposes to keep Hillsborough soil and political plums and a few other things intact.

Just why the opposition should be spread out in such a thin line is a strategical secret that the committee seeking the establishment of the new county will have to guess.

The opposition to division has placed its campaign in able hands, and while it is but a side issue to Mr. Knight's business here, his skill in shaping legislation should be a warning to the gentlemen of the sub-peninsula that they will have no time to sleep on the proposition.

Senator Crane and both Representatives Decker and Dudley are declared as favoring division.

The proposed division takes in all of that part of Hillsborough county lying west of the central line between ranges 17 and 18. In the event of the success of the division movement the new county will be named Pinellas, with temporary county seat at Clearwater.

Capt. Sam Hope was asked yesterday afternoon if he came here imbued with the justice and rightfulness of his claim, but smiled and refused to say.

This matter of justice in a claim was commented on four years ago, in conversation with one of the Lake City Boxers, who was here for a rehearing on the charter bill of his city. He spoke of his hopes and the righteousness of the contention, and Capt. Sam advised him to go back home if that was all he had.

For said Capt. Sam, "I came here with a claim full of righteousness and justice, and everybody admitted it, but after spending the greater part of the session here and not getting the matter advanced, I began to loose the keen edge of my faith in them."

### CAROLINA B. Y. P. U.

Columbia, S. C., April 8.—Visitors from all over the State are in the city for the annual convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of South Carolina, which will be in session here during the next two days. At the formal opening tomorrow night Governor Ansel is to welcome the visitors.

### WILL TRY EMPLOYEES

INSTEAD OF DIRECTORS  
Val Paraiso, Ind., April 8.—The cases against Conductor Moste, Engineer Galsauer and Brakeman Woodward, indicted in connection with the wreck at Woodville, were called for trial today. The wreck occurred last December and resulted in the loss of sixty-one lives.

Princeton, Ind., April 8.—The first meeting of the Vincennes Presbytery since the union of the Presbyterian and the Cumberland Presbyterian Churches will begin here tomorrow. The attendance of delegates and visitors is unusually large.

## BY THE WAY

When the afternoon train rolled in from Jacksonville, the boss shaper, bender, fixer and all-around Legislative mechanic rolled in too.

That is immaterial, however. HE is here, Peter O. Knight, of Tampa, keen and cunning as ever, but with the suave manner and genial tact that he never forgets how to use.

His levee last evening in the same old quarters at the Lee, with many of the same old crowd in attendance, was an event of the Legislative session.

Senators and Representatives were there in number, a bunch of Cabinet officers paid their respects, a lone editor, escorted by the Bald Eagle of Volusia, tiptoed into the presence of the great man, a general manager of a railway rode into the throng, while here and there could be seen members of the political Down-and-Out Club partaking of the refreshments so freely dispensed. Representative Melton, "Uncle" Steve, who well performed the part of announcer and chief usher last session, was there last night in all the pride of his position and enthusiastically called out the names of the visitors.

During the evening franchise tax was a tabooed subject, unless brought up by the host.

Major Healey, the Bald Eagle of Volusia, as he has so long been known, was in fine feather. "Round and rosy," dimpled and cute, he was but a lesser star to the GREAT star. Happy and complacent, the Major smiled through the evening, giving jokes, as well as taking them, in the latter art being a past master.

Another arrival yesterday was ex-Congressman Robert W. Davis, who looked well and contented, and as he rode up from the train with a representative of THE SUN, said: "While I have been a member of the big House, I have never been a member of the Third House and don't know the method of getting a seat, though no doubt the procedure will be explained to me here."



No. Col. Nat. is not looking about helplessly to see if some member will wake up and move that "it be spread on the Journal." Col. Nat has just disposed of a long message from the Governor in this way, when caught by Mr. Carroll, THE SUN'S artist. Col. Nat looked from the floor

to the Speaker, and back again, and then somebody caught the telepathic wave that was in transmission, and the reading clerk's voice was saved for something that the House thought was of more importance than the Governor's message. What was it? Hush, whisper it. Just another resolution providing for a committee clerk.

This is Col. Nat in another pose. The civil service examination for Reading Clerk.



### MISSTATEMENT ABOUT GOVERNOR BROWARD.

In a letter to the Board of Trade and citizens of Miami, printed in the Evening Record of that city, last Saturday, the following statement is made:

"Information has come to the Evening Record that the administrative forces at Tallahassee are in favor of the division of Dade county. The Governor, Commissioner Burr and others are said to be strongly working for the division."

Gov. Broward, when shown this article, said that the statement was untrue, and that he not only had nothing to do with the matter, but knew nothing about it.

He possessed no knowledge of what Mr. Burr or others might be doing.



SENATOR HUDSON.

Leader of the Indians: A Senator with common-sense views of legislation.

## ARE NOW ON PAY ROLL

**Twelve Committee Clerks  
of Senate in the Soft  
Snaps Made and Provid-  
ed.**

Twelve committee clerks have been certified to Senator Massey, Chairman of Legislative Expenses of the Senate, and are now on the pay-roll, regardless of whether any work is to be done.

The clerk of the Committee on City and County Organization is Miss Nellie Cowan, of Tampa, who has a desk in the Capitol, where she does stenographic work. She is also the secretary here of Peter O. Knight, the leader of the Third House. A peculiar combination of positions, this—clerk of a Senate committee and clerk for the chief lobbyist of the State.

Other clerks appointed are W. J. Burns, Canada, and Telegrapher P. V. Loring, Railroads; A. M. Jackson, Ciams; J. A. Cox, Corporations; Louis J. Brumby the *Fidus Achates* of Senator McCreary, who for the past three sessions has somehow managed to fix up this easy, well-paying berth for Brumby as clerk of Committees on Immigration, State Affairs, Public Printing; E. S. Smith, Mineral Resources, Agriculture, State Prisons, State Boundaries; C. L. Beard, Constitutional Amendments, Reclamation and Drainage; J. S. Goodbread, Appropriations; Nat W. Marion—you can't lose Nat; he lost out for a few minutes when he was defeated for reading clerk of the Senate, but he landed in the soft place of clerk to Committees on Organized Labor, Forestry, Privileges and Elections; J. L. Billingsley, Judiciary; W. E. Griffiths, editor of the Breeze, Fort Myers, will have time to write copy for his paper while acting as clerk for Legislative Expenses, Rules, Public Roads Committees.

### VALIDITY OF R. R. EM- PLOYER'S ACT TO BE TESTED

Washington, D. C., April 8.—The United States Supreme Court reconvened today after a two-weeks recess. Several cases of more than ordinary importance are on the calendar for early hearing. Among the number is the case to the United States against Heinen & Co., involving the tariff on articles imported into the Philippine Islands from the United States between April, 1899, and November, 1901. This is the last of the Philippine test cases.

A case of more general interest and importance is that of Damselle Howard against the Illinois Central Railroad, involving the constitutionality of the railroad employers' liability act, passed at the last session of Congress. This case was tried by the United States Circuit Court for the Western District of Tennessee, which held the first section of the act, abolishing the fellow servant rule, to be unconstitutional.

The case is considered to be of great importance, not only because of the number of similar cases that have arisen and will arise, but because of the principle involved. When the United States District Court held the act invalid because of its unconstitutionality President Roosevelt at once took up the matter and decided to take the question to the highest court with a view of having the decision reversed. Only once before, it is said, in the history of the Department of Justice has similar action been taken by the administration.

### STERNBURG SAILS FOR HOME.

New York, April 8.—Baron Sternburg, the German Ambassador, and the Baroness Sternburg, will sail for Europe tomorrow. They plan to remain in Germany most of the summer, returning to Washington in September.

## EACH WANT THEIR BILL

**R. R. Commission and  
Attorney General Differ  
— Commission Want  
Special Council — Ellis  
Says He Can Do All  
With Assistant.**

An energetic little fight, and it may not be so little at that, is being waged between Attorney General Ellis and the Railroad Commission.

It is over a matter of bills pending in the Legislature. Gen. Ellis, of course, favors the measure that will give him an assistant, increase of salary and entire charge of the legal work of the several boards and commissions under the State government.

The Railroad Commission is just as insistent that its bill giving it special counsel is the legislation desired.

Thus the two forces are working to convince the Legislature that the claim each advances is the best.

The members of the Railroad Commission assert that it is necessary for them to have a lawyer on the ground all the time, that they may not have to wait on the convenience of the Attorney General.

Another point they urge is that of having counsel in sympathy with their plans. Attorney General Ellis has differed with them, and they felt that they were right. A case in point was that of the Florida Midland Railroad, running from Kissimmee to Apopka, that the Commission wanted to change from narrow gauge to standard gauge. The Attorney General was of the opinion that the change could not be forced and the Commission dissented.

With special counsel the Commission declares that its wishes could be carried out. The bill the Commission wants passed gives it special counsel, who would be ready at all times to act for it, and who could be dismissed at the pleasure of the Commission.

General Ellis is of the opinion that the Attorney General is, and should be, the legal head of all litigation pertaining to the State and any of its boards, and through his office alone should come the advice needed.

This is the purpose of the bill giving him an assistant, and assigning to his office all the legal work of the State.

Gen. Ellis contends that he carries on all correspondence with the Commission as rapidly as possible, and gives much thought to the work, though a great deal of the advice asked by the Commission is on trivial subjects.

The last answer made to the Railroad Commission was during the first part of October, when he rendered an opinion for it.

The Attorney General said that when he took the office he had said he was going to cut off special counsel as far as possible, and had done so. He instanced many items for special counsel in 1902, 1903 and 1904, previous to his taking the office.

J. M. Barrs, besides his regular retainer of \$1,000 a year, received various fees of large sums; A. W. Cockrell and J. Emmet Wolfe had also been paid many fees as special counsel. All these had been cut off by Mr. Ellis and the business of the office had not suffered neglect thereby.

With an assistant, under the provisions of the bill he advocates the Attorney General is confident that all the legal work for the boards, as well as all other duties of his office could be performed satisfactorily.

### FOR SOUTHERN EDUCATION.

Pinehurst, N. C., April 8.—The register of the Carolina Hotel filled today with the names of distinguished educators and others come to attend the tenth annual Conference for Education in the South which is to open tomorrow.

Robert C. Ogden of New York, president of the conference, is looking forward to the most successful session in its history.

### IN HONOR OF CHARLEMAGNE TOWER.

New York, April 8.—Two hundred covers were laid at the Manhattan Club tonight at a banquet to be given by the proprietors of the Staats-Zeitung in honor of Charlemagne Tower, American Ambassador at Berlin.

The speakers included Mr. Tower, Melville E. Stone, S. F. D. North and Congressman Richard Bartholdt.

### TO HEAR RATE COMPLAINTS.

Topeka, Kas., April 8.—The Interstate Commerce Commission met in Topeka today to hear the complaint of farmers, merchants and shippers' clubs of Kansas against the Rock Island and Santa Fe Railroads for alleged unjust rates on wheat and corn from Kansas points to Kansas City, Galveston, Gainesville and Fort Worth.